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Credentials of representatives of participating States in the resumed Review Conference on the Agreement for the Implementation of the Provisions of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea of 10 December 1982 relating to the Conservation and Management of Straddling Fish Stocks and Highly Migratory Fish Stocks

Report of the Credentials Committee

Chairperson: Ms. Muditha **Halliyadde** (Sri Lanka)

1. The resumed Review Conference on the Agreement for the Implementation of the Provisions of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea of 10 December 1982 relating to the Conservation and Management of Straddling Fish Stocks and Highly Migratory Fish Stocks (hereinafter referred to as the "resumed Review Conference") recalled that it had appointed a Credentials Committee of nine members from representatives of the parties to the Agreement, namely, Germany, India, Mauritius, Norway, Saint Lucia, South Africa, Sri Lanka, Ukraine and Uruguay. The resumed Review Conference decided that the Credentials Committee would continue with the same composition.

2. The Credentials Committee held an organizational meeting on 24 May 2010, during which it elected Muditha Halliyadde of Sri Lanka as Chairperson of the Committee and Dire Tladi of South Africa as Vice-Chairperson, by acclamation.

3. The Credentials Committee held its second meeting on 26 May 2010. The Committee had before it a memorandum by the Secretariat, dated 26 May 2010, on the status of credentials of representatives of participating States in the resumed Review Conference.

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4. As noted in paragraph 1 of the memorandum, formal credentials issued by the Head of State or Government or by the Minister for Foreign Affairs had been received by the Secretariat for the representatives of the following 28 States participating in the resumed Review Conference: Australia, Austria, Barbados, Canada, Chile, China, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Iceland, Italy, Malaysia, Monaco, New Zealand, Norway, Oman, Palau, Panama, Republic of Korea, Saint Lucia, Samoa, Singapore, Sweden, Trinidad and Tobago and United States of America.

5. As noted in paragraph 2 of the memorandum, the formal credentials issued by the President of the European Commission for the representatives of the European Union had also been submitted.

6. As noted in paragraph 3 of the memorandum, information concerning the appointment of representatives participating in the resumed Review Conference had been communicated by means of facsimile or in the form of letters or notes verbales from ministries, embassies, permanent missions to the United Nations or other government offices or authorities, or through local United Nations offices, by the following 65 States participating in the Review Conference: Argentina, Bangladesh, Belize, Bolivia (Plurinational State of), Brazil, Bulgaria, Colombia, Costa Rica, Cuba, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Ecuador, Equatorial Guinea, Fiji, Guatemala, Guinea, India, Indonesia, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Jamaica, Japan, Kuwait, Lebanon, Madagascar, Malta, Marshall Islands, Mauritania, Mauritius, Mexico, Micronesia (Federated States of), Montenegro, Morocco, Mozambique, Nauru, Netherlands, Nicaragua, Nigeria, Pakistan, Papua New Guinea, Peru, Philippines, Poland, Portugal, Qatar, Romania, Russian Federation, Senegal, Seychelles, Slovakia, Slovenia, Solomon Islands, South Africa, Spain, Sri Lanka, Thailand, Togo, Tonga, Turkey, Ukraine, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United Republic of Tanzania, Uruguay, Vanuatu, Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of) and Viet Nam.

7. The Credentials Committee accepted the credentials of all the representatives referred to in the memorandum by the Secretariat, on the understanding that formal credentials of the representatives referred to in paragraph 3 of the memorandum would be communicated to the Secretariat as soon as possible. The Committee adopted the following resolution without a vote:

> "*The Credentials Committee*,
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> "*Having examined* the credentials of the representatives of participating States in the resumed Review Conference on the Agreement for the Implementation of the Provisions of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea of 10 December 1982 relating to the Conservation and Management of Straddling Fish Stocks and Highly Migratory Fish Stocks, referred to in paragraphs 1 to 3 of the memorandum by the Secretariat dated 26 May 2010,
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> "*Accepts* the credentials of the representatives concerned."

8. The Committee decided to recommend to the resumed Review Conference the adoption of a resolution on the matter (see para. 10 below).

9. In the light of the foregoing, the present report is submitted to the resumed Review Conference.

Recommendation of the Credentials Committee

10. The Credentials Committee recommends to the resumed Review Conference the adoption of the following resolution:

"Credentials of representatives of participating States in the resumed Review Conference on the Agreement for the Implementation of the Provisions of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea of 10 December 1982 relating to the Conservation and Management of Straddling Fish Stocks and Highly Migratory Fish Stocks,

"The resumed Review Conference on the Agreement for the Implementation of the Provisions of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea of 10 December 1982 relating to the Conservation and Management of Straddling Fish Stocks and Highly Migratory Fish Stocks

"*Approves* the report of the Credentials Committee."